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SUBJ: GOM INTEREST IN WATER DESALINIZATION

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1. MCKAY REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 10 RESULTS HIS MEETING HOURS EARLIER WITH INTERIOR MINISTER AS FOLLOWS: INTERIOR WILL BE BASICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATION WATER DESALINIZATION PROJECT FOR KING. AGRICULTURE MINISTER WILL TEMPORARILY ACT FOR INTERIOR MINISTER AND LATER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AGRICULTURAL ASPECTS OF PROJECT. THE PROJECT IS CURRENTLY CONCEIVED AS PRIMARILY FOR AGRICULTURAL USES AND PRODUCING ABOUT 200,000 CU METERS WATER DAILY WITH EXPANSION POSSIBLE IN LATER YEARS. IF SUCCESSFUL EXPECT MANY OTHER SIMILAR UNITS TO BE BUILT OTHER POINTS ALONG COAST. INITIAL INSTALLATION EXPECTED BE OIL-FAEELED, BUT MCKAY REP EXPRESSED EXPECTATION THAT ALTERNATIVE FUEL SOURCES (ATOMIC/SOLAR/HYDRO) WOULD BE ESSENTIAL IF LARGE-SCALE IRRIGATION PROJECTS TO BE PROFITABLE.

2. INTERIOR MINISTER WILL BE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN OTHER MATTERS FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS (HE DID NOT SAY WHAT THESE OTHER MATTERS ARE). AFTER REVIEWING MCKAY REPS PRELIMINARY SURVEY AND
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CONSULTING WITH MINAG, EXPECTS TO INVITE MCKAY AND MECO

REPRESENTATIVES TOGETHER WITH LOCAL REP TO ANSWER TECHNICAL QUESTIONS. PRESIDENT OF MCKAY CORP. AND QUALIFIED TECHNICIAN FROM MECO UNDERSTOOD TO BE STANDING BY FOR THIS CALL.

3. IN AN INTERESTING ASIDE, MCKAY LOCAL REP SAID THAT A FEW YEARS AGO HE MADE PRESENTATION TO KING ON ATOMIC ENERGY PLANT. AT THAT TIME KING INDICATED GREAT INTEREST, ACCEPTED MATERIALS ON THE SUBJECT APPARENTLY FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. WITH PROJECTED PHOSPHATE EARNINGS SUCH PROJECTS MAY RETURN TO THE FORE IN VIEW OF MCKAY REP.
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